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AFFECTING RETIRED OFFICERS

EXTEND MILITARY SERVICE PERIOD -- Prague Vecni Vestnik Ministerstva Narodni Obrany, 24 Jun 50

Effective 1 October 1949, compulsory military service was extended to 31 December of the year in which a citizen reaches the age of 60. This regulation also affects those former professional officers and "rotmistry" /sergeants, first class? who have retired, but have not reached the age of 60.

The category of rotmistry, regardless of military status, has been abolished by order of the President and some rotmistry have been appointed officers.

Former professional officers must be kept on the roll of the regional headquarters of their place of permanent residence if they are subject to military service in the reserve or have been placed in the reserve, off duty, or in retirement. The Ministry of National Defense will transfer the reserve officers -- former professional officers -- to regional headquarters of the place of permanent residence.

The military status category "retired (physically qualified)" is changed to "retired (reserve)." Therefore, it will be necessary to examine and adjust the military status of former professional officers born between 1 January 1891 and 31 December 1899 and of rotmistry born on or before 31 December 1899. Former professional officers born in 1890 will retain the retired status. The Ministry of National Defense directs, therefore, that the kraj military headquarters of the place of residence examine the documents of the rotmistry in retirement and those in retirement (physically qualified), born on or before 31 December 1899, and submit, by 31 August 1950, the list of names to Branch X of the Ministry of National Defense. These lists must contain (1) names of persons with the "fit for service" classification, first according to branch and then alphabetically, and (2) the names of other persons with medical classifications of "unfit for field service" and persons over 60.

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Kraj military headquarters will also examine all documents of officers born between 1 January 1891 and 31 December 1899. Officers placed in retirement as a result of this examination and those who are classified "unfit for field service" will retain the retired status. In other documents, the status of the affected will be changed to "retired (reserve)."

The Ministry of National Defense has ascertained that records are kept on over-age persons in whom the military administration could have no possible interest and who unnecessarily burden the military administration.

According to the old military law, the compulsory military service of reservists ended on 31 December of the year in which the persons concerned reached the age of 50. However, by extending compulsory military service to the age of 60, this arrangement loses its significance, except for the cases of specialists who will be particularly needed in wartime, such as physicians, pharmacists, veterinarians, engineers, chemists, technicians, etc.

The units will therefore examine the authority for the extension of the compulsory military service of such persons and, in cases where no special need of the military administration is proved, they will immediately discharge such persons from the army.

KRAJ HEADQUARTERS MOVED -- Prague Vecni Vestnik Ministerstva Narodni Obrany,
24 Jun 50

The Ostrava Kraj Military Headquarters has been moved to the barracks on Hranecnik. Its address is Ostrava 1, PO Box 129, or Ostrava VIII - Hranecnik. It can be reached by the Ostrava-Hranecnik-Karvina electric railroad.

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